(iv) To look into the question of farmers' access to quality inputs, viz., seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc., and to suggest measures to restrict the use of pesticides (specially Synthetic Pyrithroids), promote Integrated pest Management and to prevent the sale of spurious pesticides.

(v) To make such other recommendations on related issues as the Group may consider appropriate.

Cold Storage Facilities in Tripura

2019. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of cold storage facilities in Tripura;

(b) whether Government of Tripura has sent a proposal for granting financial assistance towards the construction of cold storages; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal for release of Rs. 1262.50 lakhs of financial assistance to the NABARD.

(c) The status of the proposal is being ascertained from NABARD.

Losses Due to Floods in Andhra Pradesh

2020. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern States, particularly, Andhra Pradesh have been badly affected due to flood in the month of October this year;

(b) if so, the details of special Central assistance granted to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to meet the situation;

(c) whether Government have seen any Central team to assess the extent of loss of lives and property held due to floods; and

(d) if so, the findings of the team and further action taken by Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala were affected by rains/ floods.

(b) Advance Plan assistance of Rs. 200 crore to Andhra Pradesh and Rs. 50 crore to Karnataka have been released.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Inter-Ministerial Central Teams have visited these States for assessment of the situation.

(d) The request of these State Governments are at various stages of process in accordance with the established procedure for assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.

Impact of Green Revolution on Employment Generation

2021. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether agriculture is becoming uneconomical venture and leading to unemployment as is evident from the case of Punjab.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the impact of Green Revolution on employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Agriculture continues to remain an economically viable venture as the value of output from agriculture has been showing an increasing trend. The agriculture output which was Rs. 56875 crore at constant prices in 1980-81 has gone upto Rs. 89264 crore during 1995-96. The average daily number of workers in agriculture and allied sectors has also been registering an increasing trend. The number of estimated average daily workers which stood at 1426 thousands during 1971 increased to 3999 thousands during 1993. The green revolution